

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1706 without my signature.

While this bill is an effort to make the provisions pertaining to sex offender registration in Penal Code section 290 more coherent, several noticeable errors still remain in the bill. I cannot in good conscience sign clean-up legislation that requires future clean-up.

Sex offenders are a major public safety policy concern for Californians. Due to the urgency clause contained in AB 1706, it is not advisable to risk adopting legislation that contains errors that may have an adverse effect on sex offender registration provisions. It is imperative that a clean-up bill that rearranges the provisions that govern released sex offenders should be accurate before it is adopted.

For these reasons I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger